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SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, is any interest charged on these loans, and if so, what is the rate of interest, please? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I do not have the information."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" ' இலங்கையிலிருந்து அகதிகள் இந்த மாகாணத்திற்கு வரமாட்டார்கள் என்று எதிர்பார்க்கிறோம். அதற்காகத் தான் நாங்கள் வேலை செய்துக்கொண்டு வருகிறோம் ' என்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார்கள். ஆனால் சமீபத்தில் மத்திய சர்க்கார் நிதி அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் 'இலங்கையிலிருந்து அகதிகள் வரத்தான் போகிறார்கள், அவர்களை ஏற்கும்படியான பொறுப்பு சென்னை அரசாங்கத்தைச் சேர்ந்தது ' என்று குறிப்பிட்டிருப்பதானது கனம் மந்திரி அவர்களுடைய கவனத்திற்கு வந்ததா ? சர்க்கார் இது சம்பந்தமாக என்ன யோசனை செய்துகொண்டு வருகிறார்கள் ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, if that problem arises, then certainly we will deal with it."

SRI K. M. SEETHI SAHIB :—" Sir, is it not a fact that suits have been filed against a number of evacuees from Burma for the recovery of the loans advanced to them? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" A separate question may be put, Sir."

Alleged misappropriation of funds in the Co-operative Sales Society, Udamalpet, Coimbatore.

* 1106 *Q.*—SRI C. KANDASAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any report about some alleged misappropriation of funds in the Co-operative Sales Society in Udamalpet, Coimbatore district, in connexion with onion exports; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken by Government in the matter?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Several representations have been received alleging misappropriation of funds of the Udamalpet Co-operative Sale Society and misuse of the licence issued to the society for the export of onions. A report has been called for from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies. It is awaited. Suitable action will be taken if necessary on receipt of the Registrar's report."

SRI C. KANDASAMY :—" May I know, Sir, how much money has been misappropriated? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The preliminary enquiry so far made does not show any misappropriation, Sir."

SRI P. SELVARAJ :—" Sir, since misappropriation of funds of co-operative societies is common and frequent, will the Government appoint an expert committee to go into the matter and suggest ways and means to have effective check over these societies? "

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MR. SPEAKER :—" This is a general question. The main question is about a particular district. If the Hon. Minister is prepared to answer, I have no objection."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know when the first report was made, and whether any report was sent to the Police to take up investigation of the case instead of asking the Co-operative Registrar to enquire into the case? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, a departmental enquiry is first necessary to decide whether the case has to be referred to the Police."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" இந்தப் புகாரை யார் கொடுத்தாரோ அவருக்கு, இந்த விசாரணை நடந்த காலத்திலே, தன்னுடைய கட்சியை எடுத்துச் சொல்வதற்கு சந்தர்ப்பம் அளிக்கப்பட்டதா ?

My question is—' Was the person who gave the complaint given an opportunity to place his case before the Departmental Officer? ' "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I cannot give all that information, now, Sir." (Laughter.)

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" My question was not answered by the Hon. Minister, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let the hon. Member give notice of a fresh question."

Illicit cutting of forest trees and coupe at Pudupatty village in Rasipuram taluk, Salem district.

* 1107 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any representation on 13th December 1953 from the villagers of Pudupatty village in Rasipuram taluk of Salem district about illicit cutting of forest trees and coupe; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The Government did not receive any representation from the villagers of Pudupatty on 13th December 1953. The Chief Conservator of Forests received a petition, dated 31st December 1953, from one Sri Kuppanna Gounder of Pudupatty post.

" (*b*) A report is awaited from the Chief Conservator of Forests."

Issue of gun licences in South Kanara.

* 1108 *Q.*—SRI K. VENKATRAMANA GOWDA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of gun licences issued in South Kanara up to December 1951;